

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 00-1312-L)**

PATENT

In application of:)	
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Kopreski)	Before the Examiner:
)	F. Lu
Serial No. 10/684,633)	
)	Group Art Unit: 1634
Filed: October 14, 2003)	
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For: Detection of Tumor RNA in Plasma or Serum)	

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request a Four-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Official Action mailed April 28, 2006. Their Response will therefore be due on September 28, 2006.

By the signature of the undersigned the Patent and Trademark Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 13-2490 for the full amount of the required fee. Applicants qualify as a Small Entity.

Respectfully submitted,
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